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Samoa Ombudsman Meets the Minister of Family and Social Affairs and District Development Authority.

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The newly appointed Ombudsman, Afioga Vui Clarence Nelson, was honoured to pay a courtesy call on the Minister of Family and Social Affairs and District Development Authority, Honourable Moefa'auouo Julius Ah Kui Tafuna'i.

During the discussions, Ombudsman Nelson expressed a strong commitment to supporting the Ministry's portfolio, particularly its work on children's rights, gender, and family violence. Highlighting emerging societal threats, the Ombudsman placed special emphasis on the critical need to shield children from online abuse and harmful content.

Minister Moefa'auouo Julius congratulated Ombudsman Nelson on his appointment and affirmed the Ministry's readiness to collaborate closely on these foundational human rights issues. He also provided information about the Ministry's ongoing collaborative projects with the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration (MJCA), targeting illicit drugs.

The Minister confirmed he would coordinate a discussion between the executive management teams of the Ministry of Family and Social Affairs and the Office of the Ombudsman, to discuss future opportunities for collaboration.

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